

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 90th birthday of Jo Anne Corbitt Laney.

HONORING MRS. DORA SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated trailblazer Mrs. Dora Smith. Dora has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Dora is a native of Vicksburg where she attended and graduated from Rosa A. Temple in 1965. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Educational Psychology from Alcorn State University.

Dora, a woman of integrity, honor and dignity, was the first black female officer at the Vicksburg Police Department, where she worked for 26 years. In this capacity, she has worked in patrol, Juvenile Division, desk sergeant and Drug and Alcohol Division.

As a member of the Vicksburg Police Department, Dora touched the lives of many children through her work in the Juvenile Division and in her relationship with child abuse agencies, shelters, and MS Dept. of Human Services. On her off days from the police department, Dora worked as substitute teacher at Vicksburg Public School District. After retirement, she worked as a security guard at Riverwalk Casino, where she is recognized as a Happy Hero.

Dora has received the Officer of the Year Award from Vicksburg Benevolent Homecoming Organization; Officer of the Year from the American Legion Hut and a certificate of Appreciation from the Mike Moore Drug & Alcohol Division for being steadfast and tenacious in her efforts to help children not abuse drugs and alcohol.

She is the proud wife of Charles Smith, Sr., who she was joined in holy matrimony on April 14, 1968. Dora and Charles have 5 children, and two followed in her footsteps and chose law enforcement as a career. Dora is member of the King David M. B. Church No. 1, where she is committed to the women ministry and is the program coordinator.

She is a member of the Vicksburg NAACP Chapter, Alcorn Alumni Association, and the Essence Social & Civic Club, where she is the founding member, mentor and event's organizer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Dora Smith for her passion and dedication to serve others and the City of Vicksburg.

RECOGNIZING CASWELL COUNTY

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Caswell County for celebrating its 245th anniversary.

Caswell County has a rich history, and a celebration of the county is a celebration of the people who made the region home. Established on June 1, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the county was named in honor of Richard Caswell, one of North Carolina's delegates to the Continental Congress and the state's first non-colonial governor. Throughout the years, Caswell County has left an indelible mark on the trajectory of the Old North State. It was the birthplace of many distinguished North Carolinians such as our "Father of Education" Archibald Murphy, and it was the home of acclaimed furnituremaker Thomas Day. The county's farmers developed the land into an agricultural powerhouse for over two centuries, and they gained international renown for discovering the region's distinct "bright leaf" flue-cured tobacco. Caswell County is fortunate to continue to have residents and community leaders who are proactively engaged on the top issues facing the county and are always looking to improve the quality of life for its citizens.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Caswell County for celebrating this momentous anniversary. It is my sincere hope that the county will continue to prosper over the next two centuries and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the following votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 183; NAY on Roll Call No. 184; NAY on Roll Call No. 185; NAY on Roll Call No. 186; NAY on Roll Call No. 187; NAY on Roll Call No. 188; NAY on Roll Call No. 189; YEA on Roll Call No. 190; YEA on Roll Call No. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; NAY on Roll Call No. 193; YEA on Roll Call No. 194; YEA on Roll Call No. 195; YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; YEA on Roll Call No. 198; YEA on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; YEA on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; NAY on Roll Call No. 208; NAY on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 213; YEA on Roll Call No. 214; YEA on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; YEA on Roll Call No. 217; YEA on Roll Call No. 218; YEA on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 229; NAY on Roll Call No. 230; YEA on Roll Call No. 231; and NAY on Roll Call No. 232.

FOOD AND DRUG AMENDMENTS OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in full support of H.R. 7667, the Food and Drug Amendments Act of 2022 and I'm proud to sponsor this strong, bipartisan FDA user fee bill.

Our nation is an international leader in biomedical innovation. With that achievement comes an increasingly complex FDA review process for drugs and devices. Over the past few decades, the user fee agreements have evolved to ensure the FDA has the resources necessary so its reviews for drugs and devices are prompt, transparent, and predictable. The agreements included in the bill before us today are the latest evolution, and will in total, provide billions of dollars to the FDA over the next five years, allowing FDA to hire hundreds of new full-time employees. These resources will help the FDA recover from the pandemic and pick up its regular day-to-day work even more effectively.

Beyond the user fee agreement, the bill includes several important legislative riders. It includes key portions of my bipartisan DEPICT Act, which I introduced with Representatives KELLY and FITZPATRICK. FDA data shows that for the drugs approved in 2020, 75 percent of clinical trial participants were white. Only 8 percent of trial participants were African American and 11 percent were Hispanic. The DEPICT Act included in the bill would statutorily require drug companies to demonstrate how they will include diverse populations in their clinical trials by reporting to FDA a "diversity action plan" with targets by demographic subgroups. As we heard from Dr. Mesa during our hearing, diverse clinical trials are not only fair and just—it's good science.

H.R. 7667 also includes important reforms to the FDA's inspections program based on bills introduced by Representatives GRIFFITH and WELCH, as well as by myself and Representative HUDSON. These provisions will help the FDA catch up from a two-year inspection backlog due to the pandemic and conduct a pilot program of unannounced foreign inspections.

H.R. 7667 includes targeted reforms to improve the accelerated approval program so that drugs approved under that program ultimately show their clinical effectiveness.

The bill reauthorizes the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA), which I first authored in 1997. Thanks to BPCA and its partner, the Pediatric Research Equity Act, 900 drugs newly have pediatric use information.

Overall, this is a very strong bill with many worthy reforms, and I encourage my colleagues to vote for it.